

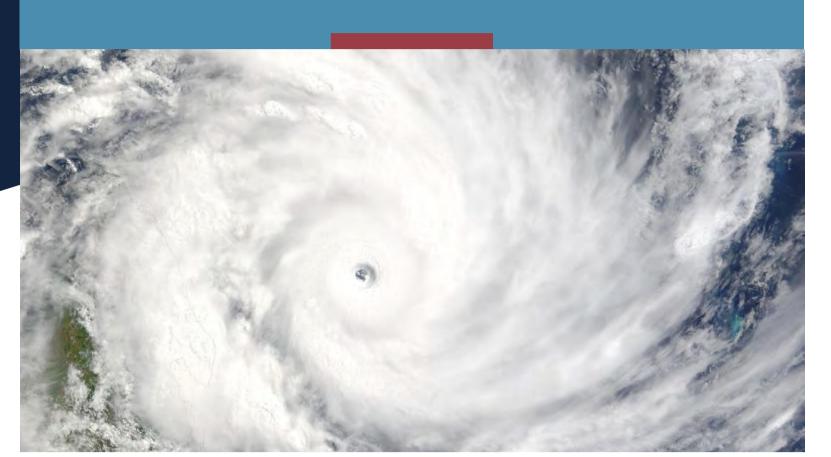
# INSIDER

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#### Hurricane Preparedness

#### **#ReadyWinterSprings**

Hurricane season is from June to November. Be sure that you and your family are #ReadyWinterSprings. Visit our website for pre and post storm disaster preparedness resources or click the image below.



#### **Employment Opportunities**

#### Join our amazing team!

The City of Winter Springs is an Equal Opportunity Employer. To view our current vacancies please visit www. winterspringsfl.org or click the image below.



#### **News and Information**

#### **HOMETOWN HARVEST PRESENTED BY ORLANDO HEALTH**



Hometown Harvest is back for its 17th annual celebration, and this year promises to be bigger and better than ever. Sponsored by Orlando Health, this festival has something for everyone. Enjoy live entertainment and performances during our Winter Springs Got Talent competition. Grab a bite to eat from your favorite local food trucks and vendors. Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes with our local heroes? Join the Winter Springs Police Department as they showcase their equipment, answer your questions, and give you a glimpse into their vital work during Hometown Harvest as they celebrate

National Night Out. This event will also feature bounce houses and lots of activities for the kiddos! Finally, enjoy a free hay ride through Central Winds Park with our Parks and Recreation Department.

Hometown Harvest is a wonderful occasion to come together, celebrate the season, and strengthen the bonds of our community. So, gather your friends and family and make lasting memories together. Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for more information and updates about Hometown Harvest 2023. We can't wait to see you there! For more information click the button below.



**HOMETOWN HARVEST** 

#### **PARTNER WITH YOUR CITY**

#### WINTER SPRINGS VOWS TO **#NEVERFORGET**

Is your company or organization interested in becoming

On Monday, September 11, 2023, the City of Winter Springs Police Department, City Commissioners, and community members came together for a remembrance and wreath laying ceremony at Winter Springs Police headquarters to honor the victims and survivors of the 2001 terror attacks. Chief Matt Tracht called on residents to honor those first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice so that others may live. "We pay tribute to the courageous first responders who selflessly rushed into the danger, risking their lives to save others, Chief Tracht said.





a community vendor at Hometown Harvest or Winter Wonderland? We offer competitive sponsorship packages at various prices, allowing you to select the

most suitable option for your marketing needs. Event sponsorships give your organization the exposure necessary to achieve sales and marketing goals and foster brand awareness. Your support demonstrates your commitment to your local community.

If you're interested in partnering with your city, please reach out via email to communications@winterspringsfl.org.

#### **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**

Meet Michelle Rozanski, Senior Business Analyst for the City of Winter Springs.

> Michelle is a shining example of a dedicated individual who makes Winter Springs a wonderful place to live and work. A proud Winter Springs resident, Michelle says our

first-class parks and exceptional schools are just some of the things that make the City and community she serves so special.

Learn more about Michelle, in this month's employee spotlight article, by clicking the button below.

#### **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**

#### **IN MEMORY OF MARGO PIERCE**



With profound sorrow, we share the passing of City Clerk Margo Pierce, who passed away on September 16, 2023, in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Mrs. Pierce's journey with the city began in 1985 when she assumed the receptionist role at City Hall. During her 14 years

with the City of Winter Springs, Margo served our community in various capacities, most notably as City Clerk from January 1995 to February 1999.

Even after leaving Winter Springs, Mrs. Pierce kept her time with the city close to her heart. Her daughter, Susan Hopkins, shared that her mother proudly displayed an appreciation plaque in her home, commemorating her 14 years of dedicated service to the city. A memorial service in remembrance of Margo Pierce will occur on October 1, 2023, in Terre Haute, Indiana. The City of Winter Springs extends our heartfelt condolences to the family of Margo Pierce.

#### To Learn more about Margo please click the button below.

**MARGOT PIERCE** 



The City of Winter Springs vows never to forget the 2,977 lives lost in New York City, Washington, D.C., and outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

View the ceremony on our youtube channel by clicking the button below.

#### 9.11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

#### **OVIEDO WINTER SPRINGS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE**

On Monday, September 11, 2023, Oviedo Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce CEO & President Roxane Ferguson shared a comprehensive update at the City Commission meeting. The chamber is approaching its 600-member mark and offers promotional opportunities to meet the needs of our local business owners. Members can take advantage of Google SEO tools, ribboncutting ceremonies, their business kiosk in the Oviedo Mall, and many other resources.

Among the many highlights shared is the new Music Festival event coming to Central Winds Park this November. This exciting event will feature local talents such as Hello Sister and Bailey Callahan. The chambers also celebrated their first anniversary at their new location in Winter Springs!



The Chambers is selling their 40th-anniversary Oviedo Winter Springs-Opoly, which features your favorite local businesses. Be sure to pick up your copy of this classic board game before the holidays.

To learn more about the Oviedo Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce, visit www.owsrcc.org

**OWSRCC UPDATE** 

#### **CENTRAL WINDS MUSIC FESTIVAL**

In partnership with the City of Winter Springs, the Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the inaugural Central Winds Music Festival. Proudly sponsored by AdventHealth, this esteemed musical event will grace our community this fall at the scenic Central Winds Park.

Immerse yourself in a blend of musical genres as you enjoy performances from local talents and national acts in a fun and safe setting. Central Winds Music Festival will have something for everyone to enjoy. With food trucks dishing up delicious treats, local vendors, and a range of engaging activities suitable for all ages, this family-friendly occasion is bound to delight.

Admission to the live music stages is \$10, with complimentary entry for children under 12. Your ticket not only grants you access to a day of exceptional entertainment but also contributes to supporting the talented artists gracing our stage. Please note that all ticket purchases are final and non-refundable.



Oviedo Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce also seeks adult volunteers to assist in the event. For more information visit, https://www. owsrcc.org/ or click the button below.

**CENTRAL WINDS MUSIC FESTIVAL** 

#### Winter Springs Police Department

#### **OCTOBER SAFETY TIP: HALLOWEEN SAFETY**

Halloween is an exciting time filled with costumes, candy, and spooky adventures. However, it's crucial to remember that Halloween should also be about safety.

#### **Putting Safety First on the Streets**

In the year 2017, nearly 7,500 people were involved in accidents, including incidents where they got hit by cars. Some of these accidents occurred on roads or at crossings, where visibility can be low, especially at night.

#### **A Startling Fact**

Did you know that on Halloween, kids are more likely to get hit by cars than on any other day of the year? October ranks as the second most dangerous month for car accidents, with July taking the top spot.

#### Learning to Stay Safe

This Halloween, let's make sure we have both fun and safety in mind. You can find helpful tips in our blog article about Halloween safety. Just click the link below to read more.

Our goal is to help everyone enjoy Halloween without any spooky accidents. By reading our blog, you'll learn how to stay safe while having a fantastic time. Your safety is important to us, and our blog is here to ensure you have a magical and safe Halloween!

#### **OCTOBER SAFETY TIP**

#### **MOVIE IN THE PARK: GHOULISHLY GOOD TIMES**

Join us at Torcaso Park with the Winter Springs Police Department for a fun movie night under the stars. We're showing the PG-rated film "Goosebumps" (2015), starring Jack Black. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for comfort. Enjoy food trucks, free popcorn, and treats. Don't miss this thrilling and delightful evening!

#### **COFFEE WITH A COP**

We invite you to join us for "Coffee with a Cop" on October 25, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Starbucks, 1220 East State Road 434, Winter Springs, FL 32708.

This event offers a casual opportunity to engage with local law enforcement officers, ask questions, and discuss community matters. Your input matters as we work together to improve our community. Please bring your questions, ideas, and friends and family. "Coffee with a Cop" is open to all residents. We look forward to connecting with you and building a safer, stronger Winter Springs.

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#### **DEA TAKE BACK**

#### WHEN: Saturday, October 28th 10am – 2pm

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's why it was great to see thousands of folks from across the country clean out their medicine cabinets and turn in safely and anonymously a record amount of prescription drugs.

On October 28th, take part in cleaning out your medicine cabinets of unused and unwanted prescription drugs and bring them to the lobby of the Winter Springs Police Department. This event will run from 10am-2pm.

#### **CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



The Winter Springs Police Department wants your input at our Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting. CAC meets the second Wednesday of the month during the months of September through May. CAC

does not meet during the summer months. Come join us and meet community leaders, discuss community issues with the Police Department staff and learn more about taking an active role in the security of your community.

The CAC meets at the Winter Springs Police Department (300 N. Moss Rd) at 6:30pm. Everyone who attends is encouraged to ask questions and talk about what is going on in their neighborhood. Light refreshments are served.

WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES FOUR NEW OFFICERS



Join us in celebrating the commitment and dedication of our newest officers! Richard Smalley, Laura Chitty, Danielle Brooks, and Jessica Garcia were formally sworn in on September 1, 2023, at the Winter Springs Police Department. We are pleased to add these experienced professionals to our team. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome!

Help the Winter Springs Police Department: Report suspicious activity | Protect your property | LOCK IT OR LOSE IT Emergency 911 Non-Emergency (407) 327-1000

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

DON'T MISS A THING CLICK THE IMAGES FOR MORE INFORMATION





Saturday, October 7, 2023 10:00 am to 3:00 pm 400 N. Edgemon Ave

Come check out our amazing arts & crafts and beautiful homemade goods. Start your holiday shopping early with unique gifts from local vendors.



**Hometown Harvest** 

#### Saturday, October 28, 4:30pm to 8:30pm 1000 Central Winds Dr.

Celebrate autumn at our 17th annual fall festival, Hometown Harvest, presented by Orlando Health.



#### **Citizen's Advisory** Committee Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 6:30pm Winter Springs Police Department

Join WSPD and meet community leaders, discuss community issues with the Police Department staff and learn more about taking an active role in the security of your community.



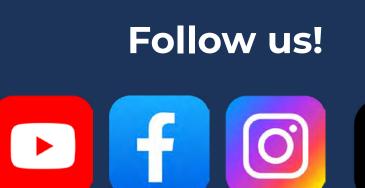
**CITY CALENDAR** 

### **SENIOR CENTER**

The Senior Center is a fun and safe gathering place for members of our community ages 55 and up. The Senior Center offers a variety of programs and other unique opportunities for seniors to connect with each other! For more information on the activity schedule click the button below. Address: 400 N. Edgemon Ave Winter Springs, FL 32708

#### **VIEW ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**





**Meet Your Commission** 

MAYOR AND COMMISSION

**CITY LEADERSHIP**